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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER  
RESOLUTION #-2014**

**A Resolution in support of the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineer's proposed *Definition of "Waters of the United States" Under the Clean Water Act.***

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council recognizes the Clean Water Act is the fundamental federal law protecting the Waters of the United States from pollution, degradation and destruction and strong federal standards are needed because water does not respect political boundaries; and

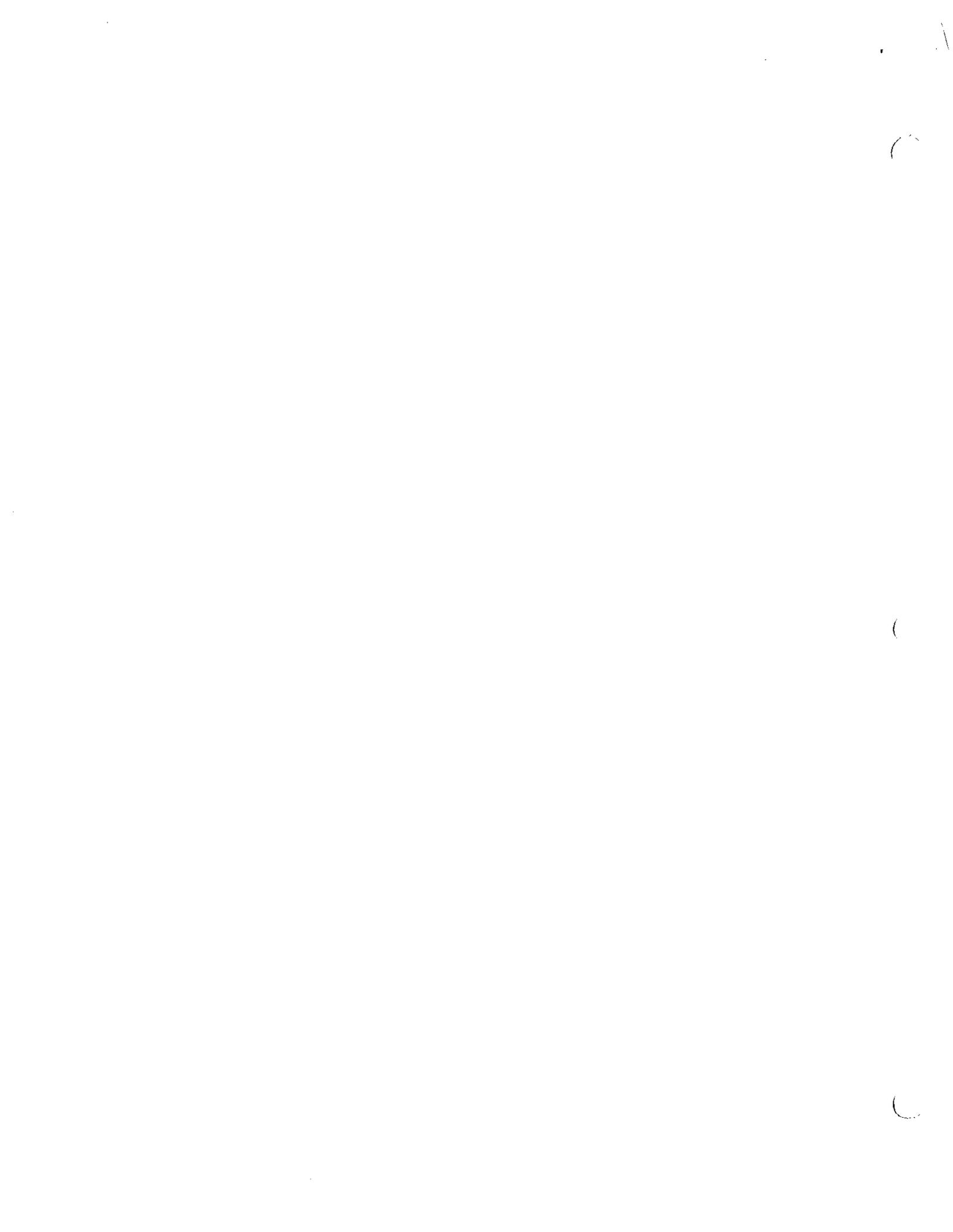
**WHEREAS**, critical streams and wetlands which supply drinking water, protect against floods and filter pollution previously were protected under the Clean Water Act, but federal policy changes over the last decade have left these streams and wetlands vulnerable to degradation or destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, these vulnerable waters of the United States impact sources of drinking water for over 117 million Americans, including 5,885,000 residents in Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,000 peer reviewed scientific studies have confirmed that headwater intermittent and ephemeral streams and wetlands affect the quantity and quality of water in larger bodies of water downstream; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a clarifying rulemaking that all tributary streams, regardless of size or frequency of flow are covered under the Clean Water Act and according to Clean Water Action will restore protections to 2210 miles of streams in Maryland that 77% of our residents depend on for drinking water.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**, show support for the proposed *Definition of "Waters of the United States"* under the Clean Water Act and urges the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to finalize these important protections for our nation's water resources.



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